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Utility Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRUNKING IN FIBRE CHANNEL ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS the specification of which

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 was filed on July 10, 2003 as United States Application Serial No. 10/617,149 or PCT International Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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Application Number(s)	Filing Date
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To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee(s) identified above. Furthermore, the undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee(s).

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